

regulations issued thereunder, and are issued for the assistance of taxpayers in exercising their rights and discharging their duties under such laws and regulations. The tax return forms are the instruments through which taxes are collected.

(b) *Other forms and instructions.* The Bureau provides other necessary or appropriate forms for assisting the public in complying with the technical requirements of the laws and regulations administered by the Bureau. The material contained in the forms and instructions, and the arrangement thereof, is carefully considered and is designed to lead the preparer step-by-step through an orderly accumulation of data to an accurate report of the information required.

(c) *Procurement of forms and instructions.* Requests for forms should be mailed to the ATF Distribution Center, 7943 Angus Court, Springfield, Virginia 22153.

[T.D. ATF-47, 43 FR 10687, Mar. 15, 1978, as amended by T.D. ATF-92, 46 FR 46914, Sept. 23, 1981; T.D. ATF-249, 52 FR 5962, Feb. 27, 1987; T.D. 372, 61 FR 20724, May 8, 1996. Redesignated and amended by T.D. ATF-378, 61 FR 29955, June 13, 1996]

Subpart I—Disclosure

§ 70.801 Publicity of information.

For information relating to the disclosure of records that is not contained in this Subpart I, see 31 CFR Part I and the Appendix of that Part relating to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Direct further questions to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8480.

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§ 70.802 Rules for disclosure of certain specified matters.

(a) *Accepted offers in compromise.* For each offer in compromise submitted and accepted pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7122 in any case arising under Chapter 32 (relating to firearms and ammunition excise taxes) and Subtitle E (relating to alcohol, tobacco, and certain other excise taxes) of Title 26 of the United States Code, under section 107 of the

Federal Alcohol Administration Act (27 U.S.C. 207) in any case arising under that Act, or in connection with property seized under Title I of the Gun Control Act of 1968 (18 U.S.C., Chapter 44) or title XI of the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970 (18 U.S.C., Chapter 40), a copy of the abstract and statement relating to the offer shall be kept available for public inspection, for a period of 1 year from the date of acceptance, with the appropriate ATF officer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Washington, DC 20226. Information may not be disclosed, however, concerning any trade secrets, processes, operations, style of work, apparatus, confidential data, or any other matter within the prohibition of 18 U.S.C. 1905. "Return information" (defined at 26 U.S.C. 6103 (b)) may not be disclosed except as provided by 26 U.S.C. 6103 (k) (1).

(b) *Information regarding liquor permits—(1) Applications for permits.* Information with respect to the handling of applications for basic permits under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act (27 U.S.C. 204) is maintained for public inspection until the expiration of 1 year following final action on these applications. See § 1.59 of this chapter for more details.

(c) *List of plants and permittees.* Upon request, the appropriate ATF official shall furnish a list of any type of qualified proprietor or permittee if the disclosure is not prohibited by law.

(d) *Information relating to certificates of label approval for distilled spirits, wine, and malt beverages.* Upon written request, the appropriate ATF officer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Washington, DC 20226, shall furnish information as to the issuance, pursuant to section 105(e) of the Federal Alcohol Administration Act (27 U.S.C. 205(e)) and Part 4, 5, or 7 of this chapter, of certificates of label approval, or of exemption from label approval, for distilled spirits, wine, or malt beverages. The request must identify the class and type and brand name of the product and the name and address of the bottler or importer thereof or of the person to whom the certificate was issued. The person making the request may obtain reproductions or certified

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copies of such certificates upon payment of the established fees prescribed by 31 CFR 1.7. Information will not be disclosed, however, concerning any trade secrets, processes, operations, style of work, apparatus, confidential data, or any other matter prohibited by statutes such as but not limited to 18 U.S.C. 1905 or 26 U.S.C. 6103.

(e) *True identity of companies authorized to use trade names.* Information regarding the true identity (name and address) of companies authorized to use trade names is available from the appropriate ATF officer, for disclosure upon request to any member of the public.

(f) *Information relating to the tax classification of a roll of tobacco wrapped in reconstituted tobacco.* Upon written request, the appropriate ATF officer (Programs), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Washington, DC 20226, shall furnish information as to a Bureau determination of the tax classification of a roll of tobacco wrapped in reconstituted tobacco. The request must identify the brand name of the product and the name and address of the manufacturer or importer. Information may not be disclosed, however, concerning any trade secrets, processes, operations, apparatus, confidential data, or any other matter prohibited by statutes such as but not limited to 26 U.S.C. 6103 or 18 U.S.C. 1905.

(g) *Comments received in response to a notice of proposed rulemaking.* Written comments received in response to a notice of proposed rulemaking may be inspected by any person upon compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. Comments may be inspected in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Washington, DC 20226. The request to inspect comments must be in writing and signed by the person making the request and should be addressed to the Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Washington, DC 20226. Upon delivery of such a written request to the place where the comments are located during the regular business hours of that office, the person making the request may inspect those comments. Copies of comments (or portions thereof) may be obtained by a written request addressed to the Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms,

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Washington, DC 20226. The person making the request for copies should allow a reasonable time for processing the request. The provisions of 31 CFR 1.7, relating to fees, apply with respect to requests made in accordance with this paragraph.

(27 U.S.C. 205; 22 U.S.C. 2778; 26 U.S.C. 7602; 5 U.S.C. 301)

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§ 70.803 Requests or demands for disclosure in testimony and in related matters.

(a) *Authority.* The provisions of this section are prescribed under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 301; section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 26 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1280); 12 U.S.C. 3412; 18 U.S.C. 1905; section 2(g) of the Federal Alcohol Administration Act (27 U.S.C. 202(c)); and sections 5274, 6103, 7213, 7803 and 7805 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. 5274, 6103, 7213, 7803 and 7805).

(b) *Definitions.* The following definitions apply whenever the defined terms appear in this section.

(1) *ATF officer or employee.* The terms *ATF officer* and *ATF employee* mean all officers and employees of the United States, engaged in the administration and enforcement of laws administered by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and appointed or employed by, or subject to the directions, instructions or orders of, the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate.

(2) *ATF records or information.* The terms *ATF records* and *ATF information* mean any records (including copies thereof) or information, made or obtained by, furnished to, or coming to the knowledge of, any ATF officer or employee while acting in his official capacity, or because of his official status, with respect to the administration of laws administered by or concerning the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

(3) *Demand.* The term *demand* means any subpoena, notice of deposition either upon oral examination or written interrogatory, or other order, of any